

JDW: Whether euphoria or from above or below, I'm immersed in it. I did the impossible at Vanderbilt, as I learned this afternoon. My prepared remarks call for Belin to join me in the demand for a full and public Congressional investigation. He'd learned of PM as I've indicated, got the lecture bureau to order a copy for him, I rushed it, he received it Wednesday a.m. as he was leaving for Nashville (with only the knowledge he had picked up in Abzug's office earlier) and having already taped the opposite view for the CBS special he has now come out, with guarantees that it will support him, for an open Congressional investigation.

Sick as I was Wednesday night, with chills and fevers that kept me from eating what I rarely see, a godfreak, I gave him two separate barrels. When he got back to Des Moines and PM he saw the meme, mene tekkel and double crossed everyone with today's announcement. Prior to that I had JL send Salant a return-receipt demand for fairness doctrine time on learning of his Face the Nation appearance,

I await here you phoned - a call for a two-hour Westinghouse broadcast.

Meanwhile through young reporter friends I ~~xxxx~~ got Arlen Specter on tape agreeing to a confrontation he has no intention of keeping. I've suggested any law school of anyone's selection in Phila. with anyone from a professor or criminal law to one of evidence to the dean ~~of~~ moderate, with Specter's cut to go to his ~~(xxxxxxxxxx)~~ campaign expenses.

I do not expect Specter to accept although I do expect him to make it sound as though he has. So, I've asked this reporter, who was in an audience I had at a very conservative college during a blizzard in early 1967, to conduct his questionings by beeper phone, to give me tapes,

Specter has declined about 25 confrontations with me. He has stalled one with Howard until after the first of the year when it was scheduled for two weeks ago. Tonight I threw caution to the winds and phoned ~~xx~~ Howard in Florida to suggest that Specter post an appearance ^{bond} and subject to forfeiture in return for which Howard would pay interest during the life of the bond.

Next a.m. and tired after broadcast until midnight: I'm glad you called. It was good to talk. I appreciate your concern. I am trying to strike a balance between what I want to do and what I probably should not. The doctor has never fully explained this. Initially he told me to walk until it was painful but only in the level. Then he said a little on the hillside was OK. Now he says don't stop walking around but don't overdo it and to keep the leg up when not using it. It is up now.

I phoned the Post, AP, UPI and Times when I heard of Belin's grudging announcement. Crewdson not in so I spoke to the desk and also called Waldron at home. He wanted to do the story but they assigned it to Horrock. He agreed this meant my part would be omitted. But he indicated he'd find a way. So, I'll send him a carbon now and then get back to packaging and I still have new slides based on PM to put together. And I put a new ribbon in the machine. I just haven't had time. Initial sales are best since WW, best even in initial response to a flyer. This part is not easy because the printer supplied the wrong size envelopes and I have to improvise boxes. But it gets done. With time.

Again thanks for the surprise call. Best,